Year 4

Thinking Literacy

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About *Thinking Literacy Year 4*

Thinking Literacy Year 4 is a student workbook that is designed to increase literacy and problem solving skills across a wide range of curriculum areas. This book has been specifically written for students in Year 4 and each different set comprises a series of multiple choice questions aimed at developing and/ or reinforcing a particular skill. Each question is aimed at allowing the student to reach an understanding of a problem and comprehend clearly.

This book comprises:

- fifty sets of questions
- each set has ten questions
- sets become more difficult
- the final sets are aimed to fully extend students abilities
- all answers to the questions

Students can access these sets at their own level and work through them at their own pace, according to particular needs. *Thinking Literacy Year 4* is full of useful activities that will assist students to develop and practice their literacy and thinking skills in an enjoyable and systematic way.

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Set 1

Write the correct ending or answer in your book

1. Mum brought home some lettuce, onions, tomatoes and cucumbers. She was going to make:

(a) a cake.
(b) dessert.
(c) a salad.
(d) porridge.

2. Russ was very overweight. He sat and played computer games all day long. He would have been far more healthy if he had:

(a) exercised.
(b) eaten more.
(c) slept.
(d) been obese.

3. The sailing ship had not moved for a week. Its sails hung loosely. The sailors prayed for:

(a) wind.
(b) rain.
(c) sails.
(d) waves.

4. It was difficult to hear the singer at the concert. He did not sing:

(a) into the loud speaker.
(b) with his guitar.
(c) in English.
(d) into the microphone.

5. Sailing yachts on the ocean can be dangerous. In rough seas people are sometimes lost when they are washed:

(a) ashore.
(b) and dried.
(c) clean.
(d) overboard.

6. Our science teacher picked up the iron filings that were spilt on the carpet very quickly using:

(a) his fingertips.
(b) a fork.
(c) a feather duster.
(d) a magnet.

7. Adesh looked smart in his new suit. It was made of the finest:

(a) cloth.
(b) clothing.
(c) designer label.
(d) trousers.

8. Leigh liked to style her friends' hair. When she grew up she wanted to be:

(a) a cook.
(b) a haircut.
(c) a hairdresser.
(d) a model.

9. All the seats in the concert were sold. The theatre was:

(a) empty.
(b) comfortable.
(c) on the train.
(d) full.

10. In a lesson at school today our teacher dropped a feather, a tennis ball and a pillow on his desk. The ball was the only one that:

(a) was hard.
(b) bounced.
(c) could be used.
(d) did not bounce.



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Set 2

Write the correct ending or answer in your book

1. Emily ate her breakfast then went back to bed. She did not feel very well that:

(a) afternoon.
(b) bedtime.
(c) morning.
(d) evening.

2. A fungus that can be eaten is:

(a) the banana.
(b) the mushroom.
(c) tasty.
(d) dinner.

3. The cockroach disappeared quickly. It was as if it had become:

(a) afraid.
(b) injured.
(c) invisible.
(d) dirty.

4. Tristan didn't want to be late for work. He had slept in on a few occasions so he decided to buy:

(a) a wristwatch.
(b) a burglar alarm.
(c) an alarm clock.
(d) a bell.

5. Donna was unable to buy what she wanted. She was running late and when she got to the shop it was:

(a) open.
(b) a long way from where she lived.
(c) closed.
(d) selling food.

6. When the sun goes down in the desert the temperature :

(a) rises sharply.
(b) gets dark quickly.
(c) drops noticeably.
(d) on the thermometer.

7. The knife would not cut very well because it was :

(a) sharp.
(b) made of steel.
(c) blunt.
(d) unclean.

8. Last summer was very dry. Many people used a lot of water to stop their plants dying. It was a very common sight that summer to see people outside with a hose:

(a) pulling out weeds.
(b) rolling it up.
(c) and some seeds.
(d) watering their gardens.

9. Anne missed the train so she had to take:

(a) the train.
(b) a taxi.
(c) some money.
(d) the platform.

10. Bruce had taken some beautiful photographs on his overseas holiday. He certainly was glad that he had taken his:

(a) passport.
(b) camera.
(c) wife.
(d) ticket.



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Set 3

Write the correct ending or answer in your book

1. The explorers had travelled a great distance. As the sun began to set they decided that they had better stop to make:

- **(a)** a cup of tea.
- **(b)** camp.
- **(c)** cakes.
- **(d)** a trip across the desert.

2. After going shopping Catherine unpacked all of the groceries. She put the fruit and vegetables she had bought into the refrigerator. The ice cream and frozen food, however, were put in:

- **(a)** a basket.
- **(b)** the refrigerator.
- **(c)** the freezer.
- **(d)** the supermarket.

3. The fireman had to rescue someone on the fifth floor of the building. He stood at the bottom of the ladder and thought about his long:

- **(a)** building.
- **(b)** climb.
- **(c)** fire engine.
- **(d)** flames.



4. The soldiers had run out of ammunition. They were surrounded and badly outnumbered by the enemy. They had no choice other than to:

- **(a)** keep shooting.
- **(b)** surrender.
- **(c)** surround the enemy.
- **(d)** attack.

5. Mary had a bad cold. She decided to go for treatment to her:

- **(a)** medicine.
- **(b)** shops.
- **(c)** dentist.
- **(d)** family doctor.

6. Everyone applauded the pianist.They were amazed at how quickly his fingers sped over the piano's:

- **(a)** strings.
- **(b)** lid.
- **(c)** keys .
- **(d)** bow.

7. Stanley liked to go camping in his holidays. He often stayed on farmland. As an act of courtesy he always asked the farmer:

- **(a)** for permission.
- **(b)** for food.
- **(c)** the time.
- **(d)** for some cattle.

8. Autumn had come and Taj's front lawn was covered with fallen leaves. He wanted to gather them so he went to his garden shed to get his :

- **(a)** screwdriver.
- **(b)** wrench.
- **(c)** fork.
- **(d)** rake.

9. It was too rough to land an aeroplane in the rugged bushland so the lost bushwalkers were picked up by:

- **(a)** a tram.
- **(b)** a helicopter.
- **(c)** a patrol boat.
- **(d)** lost walkers.

10. The storm on Friday night caused a blackout. The only way we could see was:

- **(a)** with sunglasses.
- **(b)** around corners.
- **(c)** with a battery operated torch.
- **(d)** when it rained.

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Answers

SET 1

1. (c) a salad
2. (a) exercised
3. (a) wind
4. (d) into the microphone
5. (d) overboard
6. (d) a magnet
7. (a) cloth
8. (c) a hairdresser
9. (d) full
10. (b) bounced

SET 2

1. (c) morning
2. (b) the mushroom
3. (c) invisible
4. (c) an alarm clock
5. (c) closed
6. (c) drops noticeably
7. (c) blunt
8. (d) watering their gardens
9. (b) a taxi
10. (b) camera

SET 3

1. (b) camp
2. (c) the freezer
3. (b) climb
4. (b) surrender
5. (d) family doctor
6. (c) keys
7. (a) for permission
8. (d) rake
9. (b) a helicopter
10. (c) with a battery operated torch

SET 4

1. (c) captain
2. (b) screen
3. (b) the total
4. (a) was very happy
5. (a) clean
6. (a) on tiptoes
7. (b) be repaid
8. (c) a cliff
9. (d) spelling
10. (a) be captured

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1. (d) capital city
2. (a) relax
3. (d) pencil
4. (b) a new hive
5. (d) climate
6. (d) hammer
7. (a) everywhere
8. (c) the evening
9. (c) too
10. (a) caravan

SET 6

1. (a) stare
2. (b) in prehistoric times
3. (c) petals
4. (c) meeting
5. (c) intelligent
6. (b) in the forest
7. (d) eagle circling overhead
8. (d) his crops
9. (c) card
10. (a) carnival

SET 7

1. (b) very careful
2. (d) carpet
3. (c) meant
4. (b) his parachute opened
5. (b) quarrelling
6. (b) clear
7. (c) heart
8. (a) put the kettle on
9. (c) measles
10. (c) cartons

SET 8

1. (d) true
2. (c) their uniforms
3. (c) understood
4. (a) tankers
5. (b) cat
6. (b) cartoons
7. (d) trotted away
8. (d) clay
9. (b) well-liked by everyone
10. (c) chosen

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